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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed foreign document, together with an English-language translation thereof, is enclosed.

The listed foreign document was cited in an Office Action dated May 26, 2006, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding foreign application. A copy of Office Action is also enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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